

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and prior listings, of the claims.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An indenting tool comprising:

a shank having a tip end;

a diamond stone affixed to said tip end by a braze material, said diamond stone forming a point of the tool; and

said diamond stone being mounted to said tip end within 8 degrees of a <17,12,24> direction.

2. (original) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said shank is formed from at least one of a hardened tool steel, stainless steel, and a cemented carbide.

3. (original) An indenting tool according to claim 1, further comprising a head formed adjacent a second end of said shank.

4. (original) An indenting tool according to claim 3, wherein said head is wider than said shank.

5. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone is a single crystal diamond stone.

6. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone is a single crystal diamond stone nearly free of defects.

7. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone comprises a synthetic single crystal diamond stone.

8. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone in a final ground state has a length greater than an indentation depth to be imparted to a part to be marked.

9. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone has a 90 degree included angle conical point.

10. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said diamond stone has a 120 degree included angle conical point.

11. (currently amended) An indenting tool according to claim 1, wherein said braze material comprises a brazing alloy which wets both said diamond stone and the material forming the shank.

12. (original) An indented tool according to claim 1, wherein said tip end of said shank is tapered.

13. (currently amended) An indenting tool comprising:

a shank having an end;

a diamond stone secured to said end in a wear resistant orientation; and

said wear resistant orientation being within 8 degrees of a <17, 12, 24> direction.

14. (currently amended) A method of making an indenting tool, comprising the steps of:

providing a shank having an end;

providing a diamond stone;

positioning said diamond stone in a wear resistant orientation;

securing said diamond stone to said end; and

said positioning step comprising positioning said diamond stone in a wear resistant orientation of within 8 degrees of a <17, 12, 24> direction.